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Key Posts Go To Dr. J. J. Feeney, Dr. H. R. Nesson

Dr. James J. Feeney, Director of Ambulatory Services, has been named Director of the Clinical Services Division, effective July 1, according to Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director. At the same time, Dr. H. Richard Nesson, Chief Resident

Dr. James J. Feeney

in Medicine, will become Medical Director of Ambulatory Services.

The Clinical Services Division is an important administrative center for coordination of the patient care, research and teaching programs of the Hospital.

Dr. Feeney will serve concurrently as Secretary of the Medical Executive Committee. He is also Assistant Visiting Physician.

Director of Ambulatory Services since 1957, Dr. Feeney is a graduate of Dartmouth College and received his M.D. degree from Harvard in 1952. He interned at Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals and served two years as a Resi-

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Win Blue Ribbon For Dedication

Participants in the annual New England Hospital Assembly gained insight into planning of the dedication of a new hospital facility from an exhibit which won for B.I. one of the Assembly's five Blue Ribbon awards.

Posters, photographs and printed materials mounted on attractive colored panels detailed steps in organizing and carrying out the dedication of the Jacob Ziskind Floor of the Yamins Research Building last year.

Mrs. Norman L. Cahners, Chairman of the Committee which arranged the dedication, accepted the award for the Hospital at ceremonies during the Assembly's annual meeting.

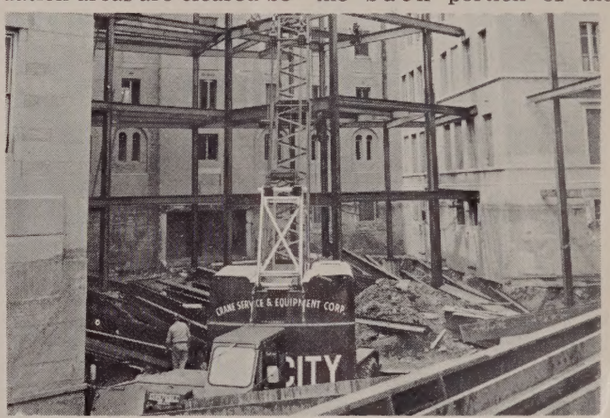
That Hole In The Ground Means Building Progress

Shuttling slowly in and out of the construction site behind Yamins, a fleet of trailer trucks began delivery on June 1 of the first 150 tons of steel for the Rabb Building.

A 45-ton crane moved with elephantine grace to lift stacks of steel into the excavation and steel workers in bright red and silver hard-hats guided each chalk-coded beam to the right spot for orderly assembly. Footings were in place and tall girders soon rose behind the corridor between the OPD and Gryzmish Buildings.

To accommodate essential patient services in the areas where much of the work is going on, the construction plan calls for careful timing and coordination. Normally, all foundation areas are cleared before steel work rises, but the Rabb Building will be erected in two stages.

The first, now underway, calls for erection of the back portion of the



Steel going up! Shown above construction progress seven working days after first girders arrived at Rabb Building site.

building. At the same time, work will go forward on the new Entrance and Rotary Driveway for the Emergency Unit and new utility lines are being installed between the OPD and Gryzmish Buildings.

Intricate Scheduling

Supervising the intricate scheduling are Jerome R. Sapolsky, Director, Administrative Planning; Silas M. Wass, Director, House Services; Vincent F. Gardner, Head of Maintenance; and Francis Sullivan, Asst. Administrative Engineer.

The next major moves will see the corridor connecting these buildings de-

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Good Cheer Rules At Alumni Dinner

More than one hundred past and present members of the medical staff and their wives gathered at the Hotel Somerset Saturday, June 8, for the dinner dance of the Medical Alumni Association. The affair was such a success they are planning another reunion.

Survey Shows "Quiet Campaign" Scores Success But Needs Constant Reminder

Has the *Campaign for a Quieter Beth Israel* taken hold? How do those responsible for patient care feel? What do patients think?

Seeking answers to these and other questions, B.I. News conducted an impartial survey as the drive moved toward the half-year mark.

Continuing Effort Needed

The consensus is that Campaign results are positive. There is wide agreement that maintaining quiet requires continuing effort, that a teaching hospital has special problems in this area and that the initial impact of the drive has done much to create awareness of what each person can do to help.

Most satisfying was the revelation that patients who have returned since the Campaign started have commented favorably on the improvement.

Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director, summarized many views when he said, "The Quiet Campaign has made a real dent in a difficult problem. The Visitor Control System to be put

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Cite Great Advances in Medicine as Old North Building Becomes Florence L. and Mortimer C. Gryzmish Building

Dedication principals included (left to right) Isidor Slotnik, Hospital President; Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer C. Gryzmish, and Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director.

A prediction that the ongoing revolution in biology will dwarf the great achievements made by medicine during the past decade was made at the Dedication of the Florence L. and Mortimer C. Gryzmish Building by Dr. Howard H. Hiatt, B.I.'s new Physician-in-Chief. The Gryzmish Building was formerly the North Building.

Speaking at ceremonies honoring Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer C. Gryzmish, Dr. Hiatt, who is also the first Herrman L. Blumgart Professor of Medicine at Harvard University, told the more than 200 guests that "this new biology will mean a new medicine, a new understanding of disease, and, consequently a new approach to its management."

Mr. Isidor Slotnik, Hospital President, was chairman of the Dedication Ceremony. Other participants were: Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director, Mr. Abram Berkowitz, Hospital Trustee; and Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn. Joseph G. Weisberg, co-publisher of The Jewish Advocate, was in charge of arrangements for the program.

Appoint Two To Key Posts

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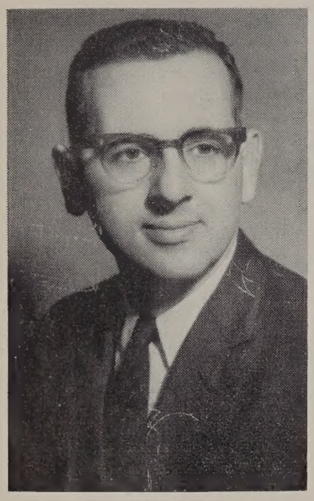
dent in Medicine at Beth Israel. He was a Harvard Moseley Traveling Fellow at the University of London in 1956. In World War



Dr. H. Richard Nesson

II he was commissioned on the battlefield as Captain in the Medical Service Corps of the U.S. Army.

Dr. Feeney has been active in many studies of outpatient services to the community. He is the legislative representative of the Norfolk District Medical Society to the American Medical Association.

Dr. Nesson graduated from Harvard College in 1954 and from Boston University Medical School in 1959. He served both internship and residency at B.I. and in 1961 was Research Fellow in Medicine at Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals. When he assumes his new post he will also become Associate in Medicine.

Dr. Hamolsky is Prof. of Medicine at Brown

Dr. Milton W. Hamolsky has been appointed first full-time Physician-in-Chief of the Department of Medicine at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, and will simultaneously serve as the hospital's first Professor of Medicine on the faculty of the newly created Brown University School of Medicine.

In announcing the staff change, which takes effect July 1, Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director, declared, "While we regret his leaving Beth Israel, we all take great pride in Dr. Hamolsky's selection for this important post in the new six-year medical education program at Rhode Island Hospital and Brown." A member of the full-time staff, Dr. Hamolsky is now Associate Visiting Physician at Beth Israel, and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard.

Developed Diagnostic Test

He became an intern and later a resident at Beth Israel after graduating from Harvard Medical School with highest honors in 1946. In 1950, he joined the staff and has been active in developing a new diagnostic method of assessing thyroid function — the Red Cell Uptake Test.

House Staff To Get Increase

Substantial increases in stipends for house staff have been approved by the Board of Trustees, according to Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director.

"I am very pleased to make this announcement," Dr. Lee said. "Our Board of Trustees is very conscious of the needs in this area and continues to provide leadership among the Boston teaching hospitals."

The new scale was established after several months study and will become effective in two annual steps starting July 1.

New stipend rates are as follows:

1963		1964
$2400	Interns	$3000
$2850	AR-1	$3600
$3300	AR-2	$4200
$3750	AR-3	$4800
$4200	AR-4	$5400
$4800	AR-5	$6000
$4800	Chief Res.	$6000

Girders To Rise In Rabb Building

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molished, and foundation work started on the front portion of the Rabb Building.

By early fall, the Emergency Unit will move out of the Gryzmish Building and — while its quarters there are remodelled and expanded — will be housed in the roughed-in first floor of the Rabb Building.

When completed, the Building will be the main patient entrance and will contain central admitting facilities, expanded teaching and conference rooms, an enlarged Medical Library, enlarged Chemistry, Clinical and Electrocardiography laboratories and a new Blood Bank.

Center and B. I. Work Together For Patients

What happens to patients who no longer need intensive medical care at Beth Israel but who are still not recovered sufficiently to resume an active life?

This was a problem until 1955 when the Recuperative Center of the Jewish Women's Health Association was opened in Roslindale to provide needed convalescent care.

A 50-bed, modern, scientific health unit, the Center is dedicated to the rehabilitation and recuperation of patients recovering from acute illness or a recurrence of chronic illness. Its services are available to all who need them, regardless of race, creed or financial status. Patients are referred by their own physicians, hospitals or social service agencies.

Many Ties to Beth Israel

Almost half its admissions originate at Beth Israel, and the Center also cooperates fully with all hospitals and social agencies in the community. Last year the Center cared for 650 patients; 311 of these were from Beth Israel.

The Center is staffed by registered nurses, LPN's, occupational, recreational and physical therapists and a trained dietitian, and has close working relationships with B.I.'s Social Service Department and Medical Staff.

In addition, the Medical Director is nominated by the Hospital's Medical Executive Committee to the Center's Board of Trustees. Dr. Lester A. Steinberg, Assistant Visiting Physician at Beth Israel, and Senior Clinical Instructor of Medicine at Tufts University, is the present Medical Director. Mrs. Leah N. Freedman, R.N., the Executive Director, is a graduate of the Hospital's School of Nursing and was a nursing supervisor at B.I. for many years until accepting her present post in 1955. Each year medical and nursing students at the Hospital visit the center to observe the special kind of care offered.

Another tie to B.I. is the fact that Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, former General Director of the Hospital, played a significant role in helping plan and establish the Center.

Providing excellent nursing care and medical supervision in a homelike atmosphere, the Recuperative Center fills an important role in the health service available to the community.

In Memoriam

Beth Israel Hospital mourns the loss of two men and extends heartfelt sympathies to their families:

Judge Philip Rubenstein, a Trustee of the Hospital — April 16, 1963.

Dr. James J. Prochnik, Associate in Medicine — April 5, 1963.

PRAISE O. T. EXHIBIT

Creative accomplishments of patients in B.I. Occupational Therapy Program drew much favorable comment when a recent Lobby exhibit showed photos of patients working at home and in the Hospital as well as completed projects such as knitted afghans, sweaters, paintings, handcrafted copper and wood articles. Putting finishing touches on display are Registered Occupational Therapists Patricia Willard (left) and Mrs. Ruth Winer who heads program inaugurated in 1954.

DIETETIC INTERN GRADS

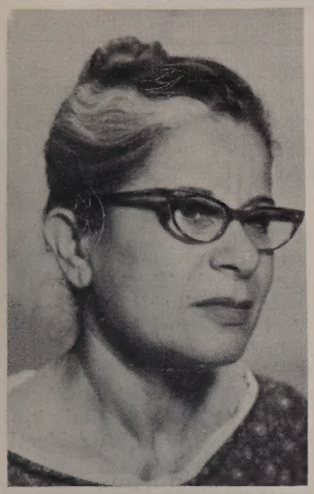
At noon on June 26, the 1963 Dietetic Interns Class will gather at Kirstein Hall for graduation ceremonies. Dr. James J. Feeney, Director of Ambulatory Services, will be featured speaker. Each of the twelve girls— who has successfully completed a year's intensive post graduate study — is now eligible for membership in the American Dietetic Association. Miss Ruth Sheinwald, Head of the Dietary Department, co-ordinates the teaching program.

From left to right (standing) are Miriam Katz, Barbara J. Sterling, Kathleen M. Novak, Edna Panelli Bernard, Nidza M. Sotomayor Ramos, Dora Kee and Judith Tetreault. Seated (in the same order) are Cynthia M. Rekas, Helen A. Nelson, Florence A. Sensel, Rosario P. Alcasid and Carolyn Penson.

CJP CAMPAIGN OVER TOP

Celebrating a 20% increase in contributions to the 1963 Combined Jewish Appeal drive by B.I. staff and employees, Hospital Campaign Committee learns gifts totaled $4,840 or $805 more than previous year. Co-Chairman Mrs. Shalmir Chatfeld of Admin. Plan. Office (at head of table) gave figures at final report luncheon for Committee members: (from left to right) Mrs. Helen Berman, Dietary; Henry Farley, Fiscal Services; Helen Swartz, Maintenance; Mrs. Chatfield; Kay Kotarski, Radiology; Janet O. Levine and Gilbert M. Guy, Personnel. Not attending luncheon was Co-Chairman Fern Berman, Medical Service.

meet the FAMILY



Elise Chorbajian

Much Travelled Elise Fluent In Five Languages

Born in Turkey and brought up in Lebanon, petite Elise Chorbajian is master of five languages. "This is not unusual, I assure you," says Elise, "over there everybody speaks several languages."

Taught Armenian History

Though language skill was not one of the prerequisites for her career at Beth Israel, Elise has found that in her position as secretary to Dr. Benjamin Alexander, her work has been exceptionally challenging and rewarding.

Following her arrival here Elise secured an office position with the Foreign Students Association and on Saturdays taught Armenian history and language to American born Armenian children. "This was not easy," says Elise, "I tried hard to kindle a spark of love for their mother tongue, and a little pride in their history, but alas! I was licked. . . . They Americanized me more than I could Armenianize them."

A lover of nature, Elise owns a modest three-room house on a lake bank surrounded with the gardening space she loves. "But," confesses Elise, "gardening is actually my second love — my first is Christine, my godchild, who is now four years old and spends almost every weekend at my house."

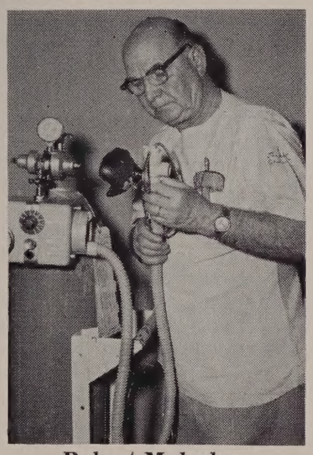
Elise has innumerable relatives and friends in Europe, the Near East, South America and Africa, and hopes that some day she can take Christine on a tour to visit them all.

Took Temporary Job; Still Here 15 Years Later

From house painter to Hospital orderly may represent a difficult change for some but for Bob Mulcahey it became the ideal opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream. "Since I was born handicapped myself," explains Bob, "I always wanted a chance to help those in unfortunate situations."

Bob originally came to B.I. looking for a position as a painter in the maintenance department. Finding that filled, Bob was asked if he would like to work in the Nursing Division as an orderly "for a short time." This past January, Bob's short stay became fifteen years.

"In 1950, I was asked to assume the special position of Oxygen Orderly and I have held that title since.



Robert Mulcahey

The responsibility involved in this particular job gives me a lot of satisfaction," declares Bob.

As Oxygen Orderly Bob carries a beeper and responds to a call for oxygen whenever and wherever it is needed. He handles all types of oxygen equipment; the tent, the tank with face mask, the Bird Respirator and the resuscitators. Bob is also on call for orthopedic equipment used both in therapy and treatment.

Talks to Son Via Tape

Mr. Mulcahey's appreciation of modern equipment has been transformed into a hobby as well. In lieu of commonplace letter-writing, he employed a tape recorder to correspond with his son in Japan.

"Perhaps when we go to the Cape this summer, I'll record the bedlam created by my seven grandchildren whom my wife and I always take along on our vacation," smiles Bob.

Name Hamblin, Farley To Key Fiscal Positions

Two key appointments have been made in the Fiscal Services Division, according to Rodger L. Daniels, Director.

Mr. Richard L. Hamblin became Assistant Controller in April, succeeding James Shepherd, now Controller at Pittsfield General Hospital. Mr. Hamblin was graduated from the University of Rhode Island and has had broad experience with private accounting firms and the U. S. Government.

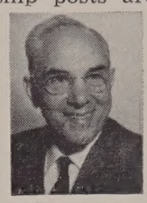
Mr. Henry Farley, who joined the Division as Accountant in 1962, has been promoted to Accounting Supervisor. He received his B.S. degree from Suffolk University, where he is now a candidate for the M.B.A. degree.

Honor Vincent Gardner; Dept. Heads Hold Offices

Significant to B.I.'s reputation for excellence are the many contributions of busy department heads to their professional groups.

Leadership Posts

Most recently recognized is Vincent F. Gardner, Head of the Maintenance Department, this year's President-Elect of the American Society of Hospital Engineers, and Vice President of the New England Hospital Engineers Society.



V.F.Gardner

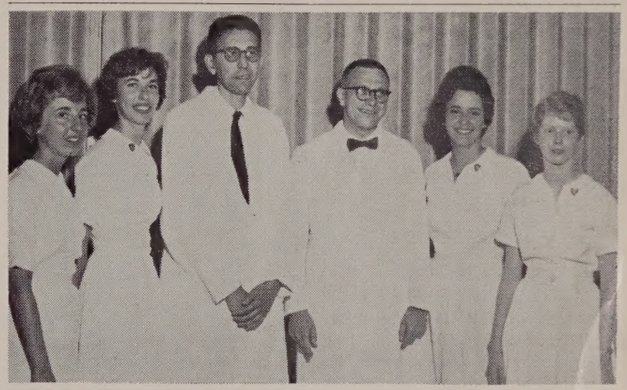
Other department heads currently holding leadership posts are Purchasing Agent Vincent W. Godlesky, Vice Chairman, American Society for Hospital Purchasing Agents; Mrs. Dorothy Richmond, Medical Records, Board of Directors, Mass. Assn. of Medical Records Librarians; Miss Ruth Sheinwald, Dietary, Chairman, Education Section, Mass. Dietetic Assn., and Mrs. Blanche Sullivan, Switchboard, Vice President, Mass. Assn. of Chief Operators.

Medical Technicians, Dental Assistants Complete Courses

Graduation highlights included the award of certificates and pins at a June 5 Hospital gathering to the first full class of Medical Technologists to receive B.S. degrees from Simmons with their classmates at College exercises on June 9.

On June 20, twenty-three Dental Assistants will receive pins and certificates and take the Dental Assistants Pledge in ceremonies in George Sherman Auditorium.

Dr. Chester I. Solomon, Assistant Visiting Dental Surgeon, is director of the one year program.



New Medical Technologists pause to pose at party celebrating course completion. From left to right are Eras Revelas, Judy Harris, Dr. David G. Freiman, Pathologist-in-Chief and Head of School; Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director; Sue Hurwitz and Paula Migneault.

Campaign For Quiet B.I. Scores Initial Gains; Drive Continues

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into effect will do even more. We must strive for consolidation of gains already made."

That it takes time for change to set in is reflected in the comment of one girl at the Lobby Information Desk. "It's like a movie seeing the doctors head for the old house phones and then remember they've been moved. They like the booths better though, because they can make calls in quiet."

Others, especially where construction sounds are paramount, find themselves unable to pinpoint overall improvement. They recognize, too, that planned remodelling will alleviate some noise, especially where several people must now work, talk and handle equipment.

New System

As Mrs. Louise Epps, Head Nurse on 5E, says, "It's going to take a long time. The new maid carts are a big improvement, and it's good to know you can call on the men on daily Quiet Rounds if you need help." She was referring to the new system whereby administrative personnel and Division Directors are available to enforce visiting regulations when problems arise.

One doctor saw "some improvement" but "not enough so that it calls itself to your attention." His suggestions: orient all new personnel to the need and persistently remind ourselves about it, too.

Thoughtfulness Helps

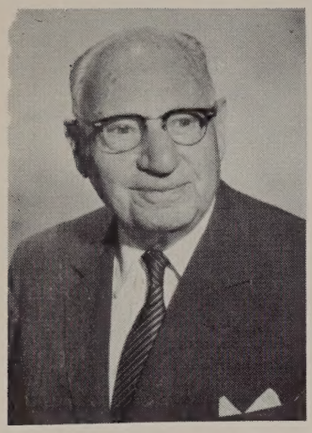
Telling how thoughtfulness helps, Miss Judith Meierovitz, Head Nurse on 6 South said, "We're using the intercom more to cut down on corridor talk, and we appreciate the idea of someone coming up to oil all the wheels. The campaign has created awareness that patients prefer quiet."

Almost to prove the point, a nurse rushing through the corridor with a rattling metal cart paused, said, "Oh, I'm so noisy!" slowed down and the rattling stopped.

Education Exhibit Marks Hosp. Week

National Hospital Week, May 12-18, saw B. I. observe the theme "Today's Hospital — Career Center for America's Youth" with an attractive lobby display illustrating thirteen hospital programs leading to health careers. Pictures and text were enlarged from a new Hospital publication which was distributed to educational leaders during the week. The exhibit is now on display in the main window of the Kenmore Square branch of the National Shawmut Bank.

Profile of A Trustee



Herman A. Mintz

"So you went skiing," he said to the shy child whose leg was in a cast. And the twinkle in his blue eyes bridged the 70-some years between them. She grinned —for the remark was made on a warm spring day early this month when Honorary Trustee Herman A. Mintz visited the Hospital.

Saw B.I. Grow

The incident was typical of a man who speaks with warm affection of his four grandchildren and whose life, as well as that of his family, has been imbued by efforts to brighten the lives of young people.

Even as a young man at college, the now retired lawyer did club work with young boys and helped in settlement houses in the North End of Boston "to repay what I had received."

Son and brother of physicians, Mr. Mintz has seen B.I. grow from its early days as a small dispensary, and has been active in Hospital affairs since the early twenties. He became a Trustee in 1936 and has served on the Executive and many other Board Committees.

Greatest Thrill

Mr. Mintz early in life knew intimately the need for a teaching hospital where young men of the Jewish community could train for their profession. "It is a great pleasure and joy to me," he says, "to have lived to see the day when the initial purpose behind this Hospital has proven itself.

"But to me the greatest thrill is to see on the Board of Trustees now the sons and grandsons of the early Hospital leaders I grew up with and to see these younger men carry on this great trust."

Lab Activity Varied In Pathology Service

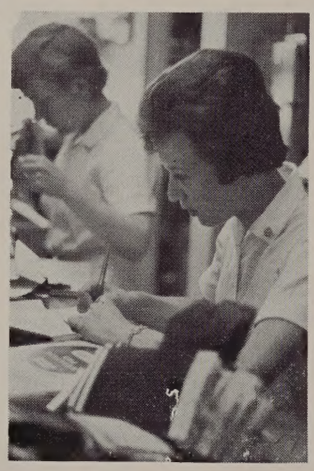
April's B.I. News gave an overall view of the Pathology and Laboratory Service. Part Two develops, in words and pictures, the functioning of the laboratories.

Part Two

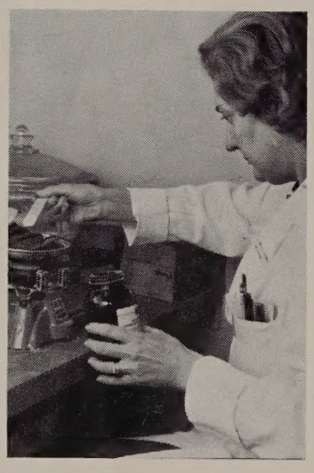
If two words could summarize the myriad activities of the Pathology Service laboratories, they would be analysis and accuracy.

Primarily, these units support the physician in diagnosis of disease and treatment followup by examing bodily functions and body substances and fluids in a variety of ways. Precision and speed are equally essential.

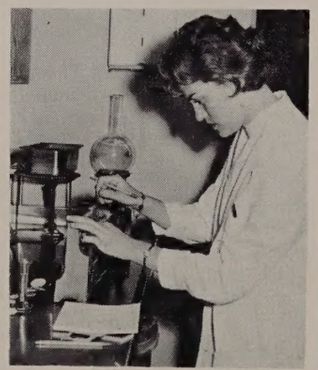
The way each lab does its work depends on the material to be examined and the methods to be employed. Bacteriology, for example, among its several concerns, examines living organisms related to infectious diseases; Electrocardiography (ECG) measures and studies electric currents emanating from the heart muscles and Electroencephalography (EEG) records electric currents developed in the brain.



At left, data identifying each test specimen is entered by Virginia Morin in records of Chemistry Laboratory. In the rear, Shirley Lewis performs test.



Above, Henry Maher checks Auto Analyzer, precision instrument which speeds blood analysis, freeing technologists, such as Mrs. Aileen Dowd (at left), for tasks requiring delicate manual skill.



Here, at left, Jacqueline Oxley, of the Clinical Labs, pipettes fluid before counting blood cells. Above Miriam Gustavson checks rack of tubes before starting tests.

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Fiscal Services

Welcome to the new members of the Division: *Leslie Belken, Winifred Harraway* and *Leo Galvin.*

House Services

Helen Swartz (Maintenance) will be leaving us on July 1st. It seems almost impossible to imagine the department functioning without Helen at her usual post. We all wish her the very, very best on her forthcoming marriage.

Welcome back to *Mrs. Gertrude Cronin, Mrs. Catherine Driscoll* and *Mrs. Ann Kingston (Switchboard)* who had all left to have babies and have now returned to their posts. Happy to have you all back. *Mrs. Cronin* will be serving as *Mrs. Sullivan's* relief when she goes on vacation.

Congratulations to *Mrs. Molly Uliss (Information)* who became grandmother to a lovely baby boy on April 11th; and to *Mrs. Bella Gordon (Dietary)* whose latest grandchild was born in Israel. Welcome back to *Mrs. Jane Arketook (Dietary)* who has returned to work again.

Congratulations to *Elizabeth Fidrych (Dietary)* who became Mrs. James McDermott on April 20th.

Congratulations to *Yvonne Masliah (Laundry)* who came to Beth Israel shortly after her arrival from Egypt last year and has now been awarded her high school diploma from Brighton Evening School.

OPD

A warm welcome to our summer personnel: *Mary Lee Hayde (Physical Medicine), Cathy Davidoff* and *Jane Wainshall (OPD Clinics).*

Fond farewell and best wishes to *Sandra Glanzman (Physical Medicine)* who is leaving for North Carolina.

A special hello to *Andrea Harris* who will be taking *Elaine Israel's* place in this department. *Elaine* is transferring to Clinical Services to continue as *Dr. James J. Feeney's* secretary.

Nursing

May was gay for *Arlene Bornstein* who became *Mrs. Herbert Levine* and for nursing student *Harriet Charak* who was married to David Kaplan.

So very happy to welcome back *Henrietta Lederman* who has recuperated from her recent operation. A special note of thanks to *Mrs. Ruth Michelson* who held the fort during *Henrietta's* absence.

Congratulations to *Mrs. Lila Reis* who became a grandmother last month.

Clinical Services

We welcome new additions to a number of House Staff families: Baby boys arrived for *Dr. and Mrs. Philip S. Rane, Dr. and Mrs. Richard P. Zimon, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard D. Kosowsky* and *Dr. and Mrs. Howard Ecker.* And baby girls for *Dr. and Mrs. Allan L. Simon* and *Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weingarten.* Hearty felicitations!

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